

THE BURIAL OF DE SOTO.

DISCOVERER OF THE MISSISSIPPI.



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Thus perished Ferdinand De Soto. — The Priests chanted over his body the first Requiems that were ever heard on the waters of the Mississippi. To conceal his death, his body was wrapped in a mantle, and, in the stillness of midnight, was silently sunk in the middle of the stream.

The discoverer of the Mississippi slept beneath its waters.

BANCROFT.

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Andantino.

VOICE.

PIANO.

On Mississip - pi's lonely shore A

Chief ex - piring lay; No guardian columns round him drew Their lines in grand ar -

ray: No clash-ing arms the warrior hears. No charging bat-tle cry, He

hears no shout of vic-to-ry,— The foe—they fly! they fly!

riten. *a tempo.*

A no-ble few a-round him knelt To watch his fail-ing breath; Ah!

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what is fame, am - bi - tion now? De So - to sleeps in death! No king - ly robe is

round him thrown, No crown a - dorns his brow; — A mantle is the on - ly pall, That

riten. tempo.
wraps the war - rior now.

At midnight, si - lent - ly and slow, They bore him to his

grave; No muffled drum no sig-nal gun—Told where they laid the brave:

Kingdoms and thrones may pass a-way, Heroes be lost to fame;— In Missis-sippi's

ad lib.
waves shall live De So-to's death-less name.

colla voce.